

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2802 - SB 3351

February 11, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates a Commercial Lawn Maintenance Herbicide Applicators license. This license would be available to persons who apply herbicide with the sole active ingredient of Glyphosate in order to control weeds in conjunction with commercial lawn maintenance. Persons applying herbicide with the sole active ingredient of Glyphosate with a 5 gallon or less hand-held or backpack compressed air sprayer are exempt from licensure. Persons licensed and exempt from licensure under the provisions of this bill are currently required to obtain a Horticulture, Lawn and Turf (HLT) license.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Decrease State Revenue - Net Impact -
\$22,800 /Agriculture Regulatory Fund**

Assumptions:

- Decrease in state revenue based on the loss of fees for license renewals, charter renewals and certification renewals, loss of examination fees for persons who currently hold a HLT license and will either be eligible for a Commercial Lawn Maintenance Herbicide Applicators license or be exempt (\$24,140).
- Fifteen percent of the individuals who currently hold a HLT license would be exempt from licensure under the provisions of this bill.
- This bill sets a \$100 licensing fee for a Commercial Lawn Maintenance Herbicide Applicators license and removes the existing requirement that the business obtain a commercial pest control business charter.
- An increase in state revenue from persons who would convert their existing HLT license to a Commercial Lawn Maintenance Herbicide Applicators license. The number of new licensees would be comparable to the number sitting for the certification exam (\$1,300).
- A net decrease in state revenue of \$22,840 (\$24,140 in fees lost versus \$1,300 in fees gained).

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CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

James W. White, Executive Director

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